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LOCAL KIDZ WITH GENUINE NEEDS

Dear Beloved,

I look back on the last 6 years and I wonder where the time has gone. We've been through the excitement and sorrow of burnt out apartments, school back-packs and summer biking, homework, sleepovers, DANCE-A-THONS, lots of help and little help. We play hard, work hard, experience the ups and downs of life together and stay positive when things look bleak.

Many of the kidz that came through our doors when the KIDZ INITIATIVE first began are still with us today. In 2010 we accepted 5 and 6 year-olds, so today we have a majority of 12 and 13 year-olds. When fathers are absent from the home, outbursts of anger, confusion, identity crisis, loneliness and fear starts to pop-up in the emotions of adolescents along with the changes in their hormones. What a challenging age. There is nothing like knowing someone loves us even when we are acting ugly. Love and kindness are just as important to show to these transitioning youth as guiding them into the discovery of their purpose. This takes exposure to different opportunities. If all you see each day is violence, addicts, police and people who can't pay their bills, it's hard to know there is another way of life. I am convinced that simple activity trips outside the inner-city are vital in changing the world view for an adolescent.



Going to places like our recent trip Wildwood, NJ is a very uplifting experience to our youth. We stayed one night in a 4 star hotel right on the beach. Making our booking before the height of the summer season was \$115 for each room of 4 people. As short as the time was several kidz had candid moments you hope you get to see. While we were all swimming in a beautiful pool overlooking the beach, I called out to one 12 yr old boy and asked him how he was feeling right that moment? He immediately replied, "I feel blessed." My heart was so warmed at his response. On our night out on the boardwalk a store manager gifted one of our boys with a t-shirt to letter any words he wanted ironed on. He chose "GOD MADE ME SPECIAL." He later told me that he felt like he was special to be able to go on a trip and stay in a place like we did. When we checked into the hotel room one young man who sleeps on the floor in his real home took his fingers and glided them across the tiles in the bathroom, amazed to be in a tiled bathroom. Wow! We may never know what is

happening to encourage the hearts of these young ones, but this I know: they are feeling a difference as we expose them to opportunities they would not have had without the KIDZ INITIATIVE

HELP NEEDED. We've been closed a few weeks getting ready for the summer. We had three fundraisers planned and all three were rained out. Funds barely trickled in to provide for the bills to get through July and any activities as we approach opening day July 13, 2015. Consider a special donation. You are all so gracious and kind and we are grateful beyond words for your generosity. Youth will come in daily off the streets looking for something to do. We want to continue to provide a safe place for them.

"IT'S TIME FOR US TO DO SOMETHING"

This summer's theme is "DO SOMETHING." Growing up I had a brother that contracted polio. As a family my parents would take us to visit him in a rehabilitation hospital. We spent many weekends there for several years seeing young people in desperate physical conditions. Later on when I got a little older some friends and I took a few musical instruments to this same



hospital to bring some joy to these suffering kids. The pictures of two individuals remain in my mind to this day. One was a slender teenage girl with beautiful long black hair and a gorgeous face. She was paralyzed from the waist down and will remain in a wheelchair for the rest of her life unless she receives a miracle. The other was a teenage gal with no arms or legs living in a little basket. When the music began she shook her torso back and forth dancing in her own special way. As long as I live I will wake up thankful for my arms and legs, eyes to see with and ears to hear with. The exposure I had to those in the rehabilitation hospital changed my perspective forever. This summer I would like to give our youth an opportunity to make a difference in their community and to see others less fortunate than they are in order to help them cultivate a thankful heart no matter what they may be going through. We are always looking for someone else to do something about the conditions we have around us. Maybe this is a time to help the Kidz engage in service outside of themselves along with the fun we can have going places together.



Like us on Facebook, visit our website Northeastgatewaytofreedom.org. Stay current with daily updates. Donations can be made on line from the convenience of your home. N.G.T.F. would not see success in the lives of the next generation as not-for-profit, 501C3 organization without generous people contributing financially like you. On behalf of NGTF & our collaboration of volunteers, thank you for joining us to help transform the youth of our future.

***With a Thankful Heart,
Pastor Rosey***

THANKFUL BLESSINGS AND THINGS NEEDED:

- (1) Thankful for Triumph Knitting Machine Services for your generous gift to help fund our Wildwood Trip.
- (2) Thankful for Dan and Diane at Bradley Bikes. You made it possible for our KIDZ to have a Bike Blast.
- (3) OUR 2 MOST IMPORTANT NEEDS RIGHT NOW ARE FOR OPERATING EXPENSES AND SPONSORS WHO WILL FUND ACTIVITY TRIPS**
- (4) Summer volunteers
- (5) Basketballs, footballs, soccer balls and kick balls needed. All our outdoor activity equipment is kaput and needs replacement.
- (6) Costs for parts and labor to finalize our security system \$350.
- (7) Real fruit juices, no sugar just real fruit, are always needed. Juicy Juice is a great choice.
- (8) Got some talent with Arts and Crafts? We need someone once a week for Arts and Crafts. We have a good amount of supplies.
- (9) Finish the walk-in freezer upgrade to our refrigeration. Heeeellppp!!
- (10) Barbie doll clothes needed.
- (11) Vending machine soda section needs repair. Need a repair person.



Help Sponsor a field trip

ULSTER COUNTY POOL 60 YOUTH WITH BUS (1 TRIP)	\$ 300.00
CASTLE FUN CENTER 60 YOUTH WITH BUS (1 TRIP)	\$1260.00
LOCAL SWIMMING AT THE REC (2XS EA. WK FOR 8 WEEKS/ WE WALK)	\$1600.00
WEEKLY BOWLING (1X EA. WK WITH TRANSPORTATION FOR 7WEEKS)	\$1050.00
HELLEN HAYS HOSPITAL	\$ 400.00
ARTS & CRAFTS AND ACTIVITY EQUIPMENT	\$1000 -1400.00
MOHAWK MOUNTAIN HIKING THE LEMON SQUEEZE.	\$1000 - 1200.00



Those who revere the Lord are like a strong tower and He will be a refuge to their children.” Proverbs 14:26 Collaborators: American Cleaners, Minard Farms, Guardian Self Storage, Bon Ton, Aglow International, Dutch Sheets Ministries, Hudson Valley Christian Church, ARC, Stairway Ministries Baptist Temple, Triumph Textile & Knitting, His Table Ministries, Simple Gifts & Goodies, Adams, Natures Pantry, Mother Earth, Shop Rite, A & P, Panera Bread, Skonberg Family Chiropractic Care, Windsor Dental, Riverview Pizza, Pine Hill Farm, Clegg Bros, Stewarts, Cornwall Presbyterian, Soho Two, ADR Bulbs, Sorbello Landscaping, Star Quality Painting, Thomas O Miller, Sullivan County Correctional Facility, Little Sisters of the Assumption, & Elozua Studios, Morehead Honda & Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, Cosmos Pizza, The Pizza Shoppe, Grace Assembly, Brewster, NY Tarsio Lanes, Times Herald Record, Sound of Life Radio and YNN, Warehouse Restaurant, Tredora Beauty Spa
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